



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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TELECOMMUNICATIONS

IN THE MATTER OF A FILING BY UNITED TELEPHONE)
COMPANY OF NEW JERSEY, INC. INTRODUCING)
RATES AND REGULATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PRIORITY SYSTEM)
TO ITS TARIFF N.J.B.P.U. – NO. 4)

ORDER OF APPROVAL

DOCKET NO. TT01050335

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD:

United Telephone Company of New Jersey, Inc. (United or Petitioner) filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (Board) requesting revisions to its Tariff N.J.B.P.U. No. 4. United is proposing to introduce regulations and rates associated with the Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP) System. The proposed rates and regulations are identical to those already in effect in Petitioner's interstate access tariff. The TSP System was designed to replace the existing restoration priority provisions. Hence, the Restoration Priority regulations will be replaced by the TSP System regulations in Petitioner's tariff as a component of this petition. There are no customers subscribed to Restoration Priority as it currently exists.

The TSP System was developed to meet the requirements of the National Communications System (NCS) of the Federal government in order to ensure priority treatment to our nation's most important telecommunications services. Under this system, local exchange carriers are not only authorized but also required, when necessary, to provide and restore those telecommunications services with TSP assignments before other services.

This filing is in compliance with the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) Order Docket 89-1524, In the Matter of National Security Emergency Preparedness Telecommunications Service Priority System, released December 1, 1989. It also satisfies the requirements of Part 64.401, Appendix A, of the FCC's Rules and Regulations in accordance with the guidelines established for National Security Emergency Preparedness (NSEP).

The Restoration Priority System did not fully address today's needs for priority treatment of NSEP telecommunications service and a new TSP System was necessary for the following reasons.

The TSP provisions formulated by the FCC make restoration priority consistent across the Country and cover more services, by setting up four (4) priority levels. To obtain a priority status an end user must submit his request to a new NCS, who recommends a restoration priority level designation to the FCC. The FCC has the final review. The restoration priority levels are given out consistently to all applicants. The current restoration priority provisions referenced in the Company's tariff were replaced by the new broader NSEP Telecommunication Service Priority System. This change was necessary to 1) authorize and require telecommunications service vendors to provide priority treatment to NSEP services, 2) ensure that vendors are not in violation of the Communications Act of 1934 when providing priority service, and 3) override any existing contractual provisions inconsistent with the rules promulgated.

With the current Restoration Priority a non-recurring charge of \$76.69 applies when a request to provide or change a Restoration Priority is received subsequent to the issuance of an Access Order to install the service. With the new TSP System, four rate elements are included and they are as follows:

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>
1. Priority Installation		\$89.00
2. Priority Restoration Implementation		\$48.65
3. Priority Restoration Change		\$48.65
4. Priority Restoration Maintenance and Administration	\$22.00	

Approval of this petition would not have an adverse effect on the provision of safe, adequate, or proper service; and could provide our nation with better and more reliable communications systems in our nation.

The Board, after review, FINDS that the revision is in the public interest and is in accordance with law, and HEREBY APPROVES the tariff revision referred to herein, to become effective as of the date of this Order.

DATED: 11/22/02

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
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